

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 8, between lines 12-22 of the specification with the following:

A remote control 140 may be provided with infrared transmitter 141 to communicate with the equipment connected to the home network. The remote control can directly communicate with integral infrared receivers commonly provided with home appliances such as the set-top-box, television, stereo, ECS or security system. The home network may also allow remote control signals received by one appliance to be passed to another appliance to which it is addressed. Also, a separate infrared receiver ~~141~~142 can be connected directly to the home communications network. The commands received by the separate infrared receiver ~~141~~142 are transmitted to the applicable appliance or appliances.

Replace the paragraph on page 12, between lines 3-13 of the

specification with the following:

A remote control 240 may be provided with infrared transmitter 241 to communicate with the equipment connected to the guest portion. The remote control can directly communicate with integral infrared receivers commonly provided with appliances such as the set-top-box, television, stereo, ECS or security system. The guest portion may also allow remote control signals received by one appliance to be passed to another appliance to which it is addressed. Also, a separate infrared receiver 241-242 can be connected directly to communications network 202. The commands received by the separate infrared receiver 241-242 are transmitted to the applicable appliance or appliances.

Replace the paragraph on page 12, between lines 14-24 of the specification with the following:

The guest accommodations may also includes a computer 250 for the guest's work or entertainment. The programs that are loaded on the computer are considered guest programmable settings along with the preferred settings of each of the programs. It may be more

convenient to enter the guest programmable settings of the consumer appliances through the computer because the guest interface of the computer could be better (keyboard 261, mouse 262, large display 263) or more consistent than the interfaces of the individual consumer appliances. Thus, the computer can be used by the guest to set programmable settings of the appliances in the guest accommodations.